

"By the senate, December 8, 1797? Read the second time and will pass with the proposed amendments."

"By order,

H. RIDGELY, clk."

Amendments proposed. After the word "Brookes," in the second line of the enacting clause, strike out to the end of the bill, and insert "shall be indulged as to the payment of the debt due by him to the state, on the terms and in the manner following; that is to say, the governor and council are hereby authorized and directed to take a new bond from the said John Smith Brookes for the amount of his debt, with such new security as they shall think sufficient, which shall be a lien on the real property of the obligors, in the same manner as bonds taken under the act passed at November session, in the year seventeen hundred and eighty-nine, entitled, An act respecting the debtors and creditors of this state under the act to establish funds to secure the payment of the state debt within six years, and for the punctual payment of the annual interest thereon, and one seventh part of the principal, and the whole interest thereof, shall be payable on the first day of September next, and one seventh part of the remainder of the principal, and the whole interest, shall be payable yearly, and at the end of every year, to be computed from the said first day of September next."

"And be it enacted, That the principal and interest of the said new bond shall be payable in the same kind of money or certificates that the principal and interest of the said John Smith Brookes's present bond are respectively payable in; and that, upon failure in the payment of either of the said yearly payments of the principal or interest of the said new bond, execution may immediately issue against the persons or property of the obligors for the amount of the yearly payments of principal and interest at that time to be due; and if execution shall be issued against the property of the obligors, the said property may be sold by virtue of the said execution."

"And be it enacted, That as soon as the said new bond shall be given, with security as aforesaid, the present bond of the said John Smith Brookes shall be cancelled."

"Provided always, That if the said John Smith Brookes shall not give a new bond, with security as aforesaid, on or before the first day of February next, then this act, and every part thereof, shall be void."

Which were read the first and second time, agreed to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

The house adjourns till to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

F R I D A Y, December 9, 1791.

THE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

RESOLVED, That James Haynie, collector of the public taxes in Somerset county for the year 1781, be and he is hereby discharged from a bond by him given to the state of Maryland on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1786, to secure the payment of the balance then due from the said James Haynie, as collector aforesaid, for treble taxes, including an interest thereon; and that the treasurer of the eastern shore deliver up the said bond to the said James Haynie to be cancelled; provided, that if the sum or sums of money already paid into the treasury by the said James Haynie for the said treble taxes, and interest on the said bond, shall not amount to the sums of money received and collected by the said James Haynie from the persons liable to the said treble tax, the said James Haynie shall first pay to the treasurer of the eastern shore such further sum of money, including his commission, as shall amount to the whole of such receipts and collections, to be ascertained by the oath of the said James Haynie, to be administered by the said treasurer, and he paying all legal costs, if any.

Sent to the senate by the clerk.

Mr. Ridgely and Mr. S. Smith have leave of absence.

Mr. Chapman, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following report:

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of John Hanson, and Sarah Hanson, relict of Walter Hanson, deceased, of Charles county, beg leave to report, that having considered the same, they are of opinion the legislature cannot consistently relieve the petitioners according to their prayer, but as the money loaned to the said John and Walter Hanson by the state, was for the purpose of erecting a powder mill, as by their bond will appear, and as it appears to your committee that considerable sums of money have been expended for said purpose, according to the intention of the said John and Walter Hanson, and the design of the convention, and as the petitioners allege that the proceedings of the convention will shew engagements on behalf of the state, which, if such engagements did exist, do not appear to the committee to have been complied with, but, as said proceedings cannot be had, your committee do not consider themselves able to determine on that question; and further, as the petitioners claim a release from their bond, on having made a tender of the money to the commissioners appointed under the act of November session, 1779, which may also be a question not properly determinable by the house. That from the whole of these circumstances, your committee are of opinion a resolution ought to pass, empowering and directing the governor and council to determine between the state and the petitioners, finally, what sum, if any, may be due on said bond. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

N. PINKNEY, clk.

Which was read.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, An act to enable the inhabitants of Stepney parish to elect vestrymen and churchwardens. ORDERED, That Mr. Lowes, Mr. Durrall and Mr. Kerr, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.